

COMMITTEE ON LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH  
OVERSIGHT DIVISION

**FISCAL NOTE**

L.R. NO.: 0192-01  
BILL NO.: HB 43  
SUBJECT: Children and Minors; Crimes and Punishment; Motor Vehicles.  
TYPE: Original  
DATE: January 16, 2001

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**FISCAL SUMMARY**

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON STATE FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
None	\$0	\$0	\$0
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> State Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON FEDERAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Total Estimated Net Effect on <u>All</u> Federal Funds</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

<b>ESTIMATED NET EFFECT ON LOCAL FUNDS</b>			
FUND AFFECTED	FY 2002	FY 2003	FY 2004
<b>Local Government</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$0</b>

Numbers within parentheses: ( ) indicate costs or losses

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**FISCAL ANALYSIS**

**ASSUMPTION**

Officials from the **Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol, Office of the Attorney General**, and the **Office of the State Courts Administrator** assume this proposal would not fiscally impact their respective agencies.

Officials from the **Office of the State Public Defender** assumes that existing staff could provide representation for those 15-25 cases arising where indigent persons were charged with leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle. However, passage of more than one similar bill would require the State Public Defender System to request increased appropriations to cover cumulative cost of representing the indigent accused in the additional cases.

Officials from the **Office of the Prosecution Services** states that since this creates a new crime, it may impact prosecutors, but any impact would not exceed \$100,000.

**Oversight** assumes that the Office of the Prosecution Services would be able to absorb any fiscal impact from this legislation within their current budget constraints.

Officials from the **Department of Corrections (DOC)** have not responded to Oversight's request for fiscal information. However, **Oversight** assumes the proposal would not fiscally impact the DOC since a violation of this proposed legislation would be a class C misdemeanor.

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - State Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

<u>FISCAL IMPACT - Local Government</u>	FY 2002 (10 Mo.)	FY 2003	FY 2004
	\$0	\$0	\$0

**FISCAL IMPACT - Small Business**

No direct fiscal impact to small businesses would be expected as a result of this proposal.

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DESCRIPTION

This proposal creates the crime of leaving a child unattended in a motor vehicle in the third degree. The crime is committed when a person knowingly leaves a child 10 years of age or younger unattended in a motor vehicle. It is a class C misdemeanor.

This legislation is not federally mandated, would not duplicate any other program and would not require additional capital improvements or rental space.

SOURCES OF INFORMATION

Department of Public Safety - Missouri Highway Patrol  
Office of the Attorney General  
Office of the State Courts Administrator  
Office of Prosecution Services  
Office of the State Public Defender

**NOT RESPONDING:**      **DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS**  
                                 **COLE COUNTY SHERIFF**  
                                 **JACKSON COUNTY SHERIFF**  
                                 **ST. LOUIS COUNTY SHERIFF**



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